

Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

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Bacon's Bits

January 2, 2013

Happy New Year! Can you believe another year has passed? Time can be so funny; at times, dragging on, but so often, speeding by and we barely have time to catch our breath. However, here we are with 2012 behind us and 2013 already at a breakneck pace. AMPO would like to wish all of you good health and the absolute best in the New Year. Tim and I were fortunate enough to enjoy the Christmas holiday and celebrate the New Year with our friends and family. The highlight of our New Year's Eve celebration was the karaoke performance by our four year old granddaughter singing "What Makes You Beautiful" by the group One Direction. We will be smiling about that memory for quite some time.

AMPO will be continuing our training efforts and our first training class is scheduled for March 2013. We thought it would be a good idea to go back to the basics. So, although the agenda is not finalized, it will include sessions on the fundamentals of the Account Subset Definition, the datasets, and allocation. If there are specific sessions you would like to see presented, please contact your analyst.

We are also updating our DMHRSi database data check tool which will look for missing reserve types, wrong DMIS IDs, invalid people groups and organizations, students reporting in 'E' MEPRS/FCC Codes, and whether providers are reporting time in GME. We are also working on a database to assist with the financial reconciliation process and improving our MEPRS lookup tool.

The MEPRS Functional Mailbox was mistakenly migrated to the new DOD exchange on 27 November and we (AMPO) no longer have visibility of the mailbox. MEDCOM will not be migrated until 7 January and once the migration is completed, we should be able to access the Functional Mailbox. In the meantime, please ensure you include all the AMPO analysts on your emails until this situation is resolved.

In the words of Edith Lovejoy Pierce, "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." Let's make it a good one!

Have a great year and a great month!



BEST-OF-THE-BEST Data Reporting Month of October 2012

Army Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF) MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, Defense Medical Human Resource System internet (DMHRSi) Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, Discrepancies for FY08-FY12 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's), and un-validated discrepancies on the Advice and Assist Reports generated as a result of MEWACS data population. Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

MEDCEN:

DARNALL ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
DIANE PAPKE & STAFF

EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!

BEDDED:

BASSETT ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
BERNADETTEE MEEK & STAFF
CONGRATULATIONS!

UNBEDDED:

LYSTER ARMY HEALTH CENTER
KATHY KELLEY & STAFF

AWESOME JOB!

FRAGMENTARY ORDER 5 TO OPERATION ORDER 11-20 (ARMY PATIENT- CENTERED MEDICAL HOME)

By now you should have seen the Fragmentary Order (FRAGO) 5 to Operations Order (OPORD) 11-20 on Army Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH), if you have not, please contact your AMPO analyst. This FRAGO was published to ensure RMCs and MTFs are complying with the establishment of the PCMH MEPRS Code/FCC. Within the FRAGO 5 there are pretty aggressive timelines starting with tasking the RMCs/MTFs with the submission of MEPRS Code/FCC requests (Attachment 3s) to AMPO for the 9 practices (Madigan Family Practice, Madigan Pediatrics, McChord Family Medicine, Winder Family Medicine, Barquist AHC, Aberdeen AHC, Kimbrough ACC, Schofield Family Practice, Schofield Pediatrics) by 1 January 2013 and ending with a 100% transition of practices seeking NCQA recognition by 1 January 2015. AMPO will be coordinating with each MTF MEPRS Analyst and the RMC to assist where we ensure all required timelines, as outlined in the FRAGO, can be met. AMPO will also be providing the MEDCOM PCMH Implementation Team a weekly status report on all RMCs/MTFs MEPRS Code/FCC establishment at the practice level.

MEPRS REPORTING OF STUDENTS FROM CIVILIAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Many Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) have agreements in place where students from local civilian educational institutions rotate through the MTF. These students are training for various occupations. They are not performing patient care, they are just observing the MTF personnel as they perform their duties. The civilian students do not get credit for the patient care being performed.

Man-hours will not be reported for these civilian students for MEPRS reporting within DMHRSi. Human Resources (HR) personnel will not enter the civilian students into DMHRSi assigned to a MEPRS reporting organization or group.

If the site's HR personnel want to track these students in DMHRSi for HR purposes, they should contact their Regional HR POC for instructions.

ARMY MEDICAL HOME UPDATE

AMPO has been tasked with validating the setup of the Medical Home data in the source systems and reporting the findings weekly. For MEPRS this includes the Defense Medical Human Resource System-internet (DMHRSi) and the Expense Allocation System-internet (EASi).

Sites that requested conversion in FY11 will be reviewed first. Validation will include ensuring that the assigned FTEs, available FTEs and non-available FTEs in DMHRSi are being charged to the correct MEPRS Code/FCC. In EASi, it will include verification that cost are allocating correctly. In both systems we will be looking for the standard naming convention to be set up IAW the FY13 guidance.

Sites should be running queries from both DMHRSi and EASi monthly to validate the accuracy of the data. Our initial analysis has found lease costs were not coming across from the financial source system correctly for some community based facilities and costs between the community based facilities and the main MTF were not allocating properly. AMPO's validation will include ensuring all MEPRS Codes/FCCs were deactivated on the correct dates as well as validation that only those MEPRS Codes/FCCs approved by AMPO were activated. Questions regarding what queries to run and how to review the data should be directed to your AMPO Analyst.

Tricare Division will be validating the setup of the data within CHCS, ensuring the approved FY13 standard naming convention and the correct MEPRS Codes/FCCs are being used. Their initial analysis found deactivated MEPRS Codes/FCCs were still being used in CHCS even though the new codes had been implemented by MEPRS and that the naming convention was incorrect at some sites.

Sites will be contacted when data inaccuracies are found.





Question: I have this timecard that will not submit. It stays in an "ERROR". Message states that "The expenditure organization is not active. How do I get the timecard to submit?

Answer:

The problem is with the organization the employee is assigned to. In DMHRSi, both the organization listed in the organization field and the organization listed in the group field on the assignment must be project expenditure enabled. On this record one of the organizations is not enabled. Pull up the organization and put a check mark in the enabled box next to Project Expenditure/Event Organization and save the change. Pull the timecard up again, change something on the timecard, save and resubmit. The "error" should disappear. For further information on enabling the organization so that employees assigned there can enter a timecard, refer to DMHRSi Help, DMHRSi Online Help, LCA Manager, and Modify an Existing Organization.

Hail & Farewells

We welcome the following new members and bid farewell to those who have retired/or embarked on new paths!

Hail

Employee	Site	Date
Matt Wingard	IACH	3 December 2012

Farewell

Employee	Site	Date
Eric Kiefer	BAMC	14 December 2012

